

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gjalt W. Huisman, Laura Z. Luo and Oliver P. Peoples

Serial No.: 10/607,903 Art Unit: 1652

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For: *MICROBIAL STRAINS AND PROCESSES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
BIOMATERIALS*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on December 7, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed on April 11, 2007, please amend the application as follows. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 24, 2007. Submitted with this Response to Office Action is a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition to extend the period for response five months, up to and including October 24, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$3,040.00, which is the sum of the fee for a Request for Continued Examination (\$810) and a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time (\$1,050.00) for a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.